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1. On 21 April 1952, the former Mohnert factory on Parkstrasse, Annaberg, quartered about 1,000 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and about 50 officers, including 1 colonel. About 300 men armed with rifles were observed engaged in combat practice on the Poehlberg, where a military band of about 40 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets was playing. About 20 lieutenants quartered in the Mohnert factory were listening to the music. Besides vehicles truck entered the installation. (1)

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2. On 21 April, the former elementary school for boys at the intersection of Voigtstrasse and Michaelis Stollen quartered about 1,100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 150 men with artillery insignia and 40 men with tank insignia, and 130 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The installation also quartered 30 officers, and a dog kennel with about 25 dogs. The ranking officer was a major. Twenty women wore uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets were also seen. Vehicles were seen entering the school. (2)

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3. In mid-April, a second fence was being built by soldiers around the ore washing plant near the upper railroad station. The soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and belonged to the unit stationed at the former Mohnert factory. Sedan and a truck approached the ore washing plant. (3)

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4. On 25 April, the barracks installation south of Frohnau, immediately west of Annaberg, quartered about 90 officers, including 2 colonels, and about 100 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, in addition to a penal unit of about 110 men. The barracks installation quartered a kennel of about 240 dogs. about 240 men armed with rifles, submachine guns and two machine guns and wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, engaged in field training in a system of field fortifications south of the barracks installation. About 20 men armed with rifles were engaged in close-order drill. (4)

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5. On 26 April, the AAA emplacement, north of Dimitroff Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51), was occupied by about 70 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Six 37-mm AA guns were last seen there.

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About 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed doing aiming practice with two guns. (5)

6. On 1 May, the former Box furniture factory quartered about 25 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No heavy weapons were observed there. About 120 men armed with rifles were doing close-order drill in platoons. (6)

7. On 3 May, the western portion of the Neue Kaserne, located between Eibenstocker Strasse and Dimitroff Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt, quartered about 150 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 60 men were quartered in the eastern portion and also wore red-bordered black epaulets. No heavy weapons were observed at the installation. the soldiers quartered in the eastern portion of the installation were drivers and personnel assigned to the AAA emplacement. About 80 men armed with rifles and wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed engaged in close-order drill in the western portion of the installation, and a truck was also seen there. (7)

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8. On 25 April, the military quarters at the Pachthausbaracken near the railroad station, Johanngeorgenstadt, were occupied by about 150 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No heavy weapons were observed. About 70 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets were observed drilling in, and three trucks were seen near the garages of the installation. (8)

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9. On 30 April, the former elementary school for boys at the intersection of Voigtstrasse and Michaelis Stollen in Annaberg quartered a troop unit. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three officers and 50 men were observed in the billeting area. No motor vehicles were seen. (2)

10. On 30 April, the former Mehnert factory on Parkstrasse, Annaberg, was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 250 men listened to a band which played in the yard of the installation. Vehicles

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in addition to vehicles were seen near the factory. (1)

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11. On 30 April, the barracks installation on both sides of Leninstrasse, Annaberg, was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. the garages which could be observed, housed about 120 vehicles. About 200 men were in the barracks area. Ten groups of about 25 men each were doing close-order drill in the training area north of the barracks installation. Vehicles

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were seen at the installation. (9)

12. On 30 April, the barracks installation at the intersection of Leninstrasse and Lessingstrasse, Annaberg, appeared to be unusually quiet. the installation was no longer occupied to capacity. Only individual soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen in the windows of the installation. No activities or vehicular traffic was observed. (10)

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13. On 30 April, a football game between teams wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets was observed at the athletic field on Parkstrasse, Annaberg. Among the onlookers were 1 colonel, 4 majors, 45 other officers and a total of 400 men wearing both red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets.
14. On 22 April, the Neue Kaserne on the road to Eibenstock, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied to capacity by 500 to 600 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 200 men were observed entering and leaving the barracks installation in groups of 10 men armed with rifles. One colonel, 1 major, about 10 other officers and 50 men were also observed entering or leaving the Neue Kaserne. Vehicles seen on the road between the Neue Kaserne and the barracks installation at the southern town border [redacted]

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15. On 22 April, the barracks installation on the southern perimeter of Johanngeorgenstadt was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. An officer and a detachment of 30 men coming from the target range entered the barracks installation; 50 men marching in groups of 10, carrying rifles left the installation, and 5 jeeps, coming from the direction of the mines, each of them occupied by 5 men, entered the installation. A colonel, 3 majors, about 25 other officers and 150 EM were observed leaving or entering the installation. (12)

16. On 22 April, the former Box furniture factory at the intersection of Lindenstrasse and Karl Marx Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied to capacity by about 500 men. About 165 men supervised by 10 officers were observed engaged in close-order drill. Twenty trucks were parked in the garages. Sixty men were observed in the billeting area. A sedan [redacted] occupied by two officers, including a colonel, entered the installation. (6)

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17. On 22 April, the former Heinze factory on the extended Lindenstrasse, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery or motor transport insignia. In front of the installation, two companies, each of about 130 men, had fallen in. They were unarmed. The companies subsequently left in the direction of the railroad station. A major and 9 other officers accompanied the units. Ten officers and 10 women in uniforms were seen in an orderly room above the doorway. Vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] were identified near the installation, and a large number of vehicles [redacted] was also seen there. (13)

18. On 4 May, Restricted Area I in Auerbach (N 51/K 32) was occupied to capacity by about 500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with motor transport insignia and some with artillery insignia. All windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. [redacted] the trucks occupied by Soviet soldiers left in the direction of the ore processing plants in Pannenberg's Tal and Lengenfeld. Twenty trucks, occupied by 400 men, were seen. In the days preceding 4 May, 200 men were observed doing physical exercises. On 4 May, 1 major, 9 other officers and about 300 men marched in three groups to the local motion picture theater. Vehicles [redacted] and other vehicles with four-digit numbers were seen. (14)

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19. On 3 May, Restricted Area II in Auerbach was occupied to capacity by soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. At dark all the windows in the restricted area were lighted. On 24 April, about 200 men doing close-order drill in five groups under the supervision of about 20 officers. A 100 men were seen in the area, apparently not engaged in special duties. On 2 May, three detachments of 35 men each marched to the training field near Restricted Area I for close-order drill and training in firing. About 80 men were engaged in technical maintenance work and fatigue duties. In the evening of 3 May, three small searchlights were observed practicing with a pick-up searchlight. Vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen near Restricted Area II. (15)

20. On 25 April, the former Kutscher factory, north of the Schwarzenburg (N 51/K 52) railroad station was occupied to capacity by 1,000 to 1,500 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. One company of about 130 men of which 2 platoons were armed with rifles and 1 platoon with sub-machine guns entered the installation. One major and 4 other officers were seen with the company. Two other groups of 10 men each armed with rifles also entered the Kutscher factory. About 200 men apparently not engaged in special duties were seen in the yard of the installation. Vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] and other vehicles [redacted] were seen near the installation. (16)

21. On 29 April, the Kleine Kaserne on the south side of the Aue (N 52/K 53)-Schneeberg road in Aue was occupied to capacity by 1,500 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Twelve officers and 2 companies of 130 men each, two thirds of whom were armed with rifles and one third with submachine guns, were observed entering the barracks installation. Six groups of 10 to 12 men armed with rifles entered and left the installation. Four majors, about 20 other officers and about 60 EM were also seen there. Vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] were seen:

(17)

22. On 29 April, the barracks installation south of the Aue-Schwarzenburg railroad line in Aue was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. About 160 men were observed doing physical exercises or interacting in the billeting area. Vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] and other vehicles [redacted] were observed. (18)

23. On 29 April, the "Skyscraper" house on the Aue-Schneeberg road quartered a unit whose soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. The house was guarded by numerous sentries. Occasionally, a sentry was observed even on the roof of the installation. One machine gun was also seen. [redacted] the installation housed a central headquarters of the district. The house is located at the highest point between Aue and Schneeberg. On various days, 100 to 150 men, apparently not engaged in special duties, were observed in the yard of the installation. Two colonels, 1 lieutenant colonel and 1 major were seen there. (19)

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Comments.

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- (1) For military installations in Annaberg [redacted] According to previous reports and information contained in paragraphs 1 and 10 of the present report, an MGB unit of at least battalion strength is believed to be quartered in the Mehnert factory at the eastern perimeter of Annaberg. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (2) According to available information, the elementary school for boys houses an MGB unit of about 100 men and a sizable motor transport or labor unit. 50X1-HUM
- (3) This ore washing plant is immediately east of the Jungfernstieg installation which was mentioned for the first time [redacted] In his last report, dated March 1952. The two installations appear to be industrial plants which are guarded by soldiers quartered in the Mehnert barracks located to the south. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (4) The MGB regimental headquarters to which the MGB units quartered at the other installations are assigned, is believed to be located in the barracks installation in Annaberg-Frohna. According to available information an MGB battalion and a penal unit are also stationed there. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (5) The AAA emplacement and the presence there of 6 to 8 x 37-mm AA guns of the 6th Gds AAA Div [redacted] of the IV Arty Corps from Chemnitz were previously known. It is surprising no other AAA emplacements in the Saxon mining district are reported on [redacted] 50X1-HUM
It is believed that the other AAA emplacements previously observed there are still occupied. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] there was no change in the status of AAA emplacements.
- (6) The information contained in paragraph 16 on this installation, which is carried as Box furniture factory, agrees with the information furnished [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The data on the occupation of this installation and the service color of soldiers observed there as reported in paragraph 6 [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted]
- (7) Only one report has been received so far on the Neue Kaserne between Liborstocker Strasse and Dinitroffstrasse in Johanngeorgenstadt. According to this report, this barracks installation was occupied by a troop unit in January 1951. [redacted] It is credible that personnel of the AAA unit located 500 meters northeast of the Neue Kaserne (AAA position on Dinitroffstrasse) are quartered there beside other personnel. 50X1-HUM
- (8) [redacted] the Fachthausbaracken in Johanngeorgenstadt [redacted] 50X1-HUM
quartered 300 men. [redacted]
- (9) The occupation of the barracks installation on both sides of Leninstrasse in Annaberg was about doubled after February 1952. From the service color and motor vehicle [redacted] observed there, it is inferred that the installation is mostly occupied by MGB soldiers. However, as 120 vehicles [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] assigned to motor transport units of the First Gds Mecz Army were reportedly also observed there, it may be assumed that not all of the 1,500 men quartered at the installation were exclusively black-bordered crimson epaulets [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (10) [redacted] the installation mentioned is part of the barracks installation on both sides of Leninstrasse. 50X1-HUM
- (11) It is believed that the designation of Neue Kaserne refers to the quarters carried as the barracks installation near Mine 60. This installation is on the southwest side of the road to Eibenstock. In July 1951, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] there were 1,000 troops quartered. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
According to the service color and the vehicle [redacted] reportedly observed there, the installation is believed to be occupied exclusively by MGB soldiers. 50X1-HUM
- (12) This barracks installation is carried as barracks installation west of the townhall. The information contained in this paragraph agrees with the data contained in a previous report [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] the MGB unit quartered there an alert unit. 50X1-HUM

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- (13) The Heinze factory is referred to [] as Wendtler factory or Administration Object I. It is 250 meters southwest of the railroad station. According to available information, 700 soldiers and a motor transport unit are located there. The vehicle [] identified there are probably assigned to vehicles of this motor transport unit. The above mentioned term of Administration Object I indicates that a central administration agency may also be located at the installation concerned. [] 50X1-HUM
- (14) The present report indicates that labor or motor transport units are quartered in the so-called Restricted Area I. [] 50X1-HUM
- (15) According to the present report, the MGB troops stationed in Aprilach are quartered in Restricted Area II. From motor vehicle [] observed, it is inferred that these troops are a component unit of the 118th MGB Regt previously stationed in Halle. In March 1952, [] the troops located in the two restricted areas exchanged their quarters. [] 50X1-HUM
- (16) Information contained in this paragraph indicates that the Kutsche factory in Schwarzenberg was still occupied by an MGB regiment. 50X1-HUM
- (17) In March 1952, [] the Kleine Kaserne in [] (August Wellner factory) quartered about 1,500 men as against [] the previous years. [] 50X1-HUM
- [] The vehicle [] and service color observed confirm that [] the Kleine Kaserne quarters an MGB unit. [] 50X1-HUM
- (18) This barracks installation west of the Ernst Hecker factory [] apparently quarters only labor and motor transport units. It was previously believed to be occupied by MGB soldiers. 50X1-HUM
- (19) The "Skyscraper", a new building 100 meters east of the Kleine Kaserne, was reported for the first time in February 1952. The occupation of this installation has not been determined. [] 50X1-HUM

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